



Classes are in session at the Xavier University School of Medicine

Early Monday morning, September 4, the Xavier University School of Medicine (XUSOM) welcomed a record number of students for the beginning of the fall sessions. Fifty new aspiring doctors now brings the student body to a total of over 100, and school staff is very pleased to see attendance growing towards the 500 students they hope will eventually be learning medicine in Aruba.

Dr. Gil Apacible, Dean of Students conducted the orientation to acquaint the students with the rules of the school and life in Aruba. The majority of the student body hail from the United States, and are eager to begin their studies, and as some revealed during the welcome party afterwards, find out about fine Aruban traditions such as Carnival.

Mr. Kanaan Baroud, COO of XUSOM was present to greet the students personally and introduce them to the faculty, which includes two new teachers from the island, Achmed Nunes, who will be teaching Chemistry, and Richelle Noel, instructing English. Afterwards, a casual gathering allowed the students to become acquainted and prepare themselves with all the little details that will assist in them adapting to their new home for the next few years. Dr. Baily Apacible, Dean of Students and Rowena Daroya, a teacher of Physics and Calculus at the school who is a long time resident of Aruba, made sure the new crop were well prepared with all they needed to know.

The Xavier University School of Medicine opened its doors nearly one and a half years ago, with an official opening last September. Since then they have seen three groups of graduates go on to their clinical rotations through the school's placement center in Atlanta, Georgia.

THE NEWS welcomes the latest group of aspiring doctors and wishes them success in their studies!